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Ms. Ophelia Averitt, President  
Akron Ohio NAACP  
1419 Copley Road  
Akron, Ohio 44320

**Re: Letter of Rejection**

Dear Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. Averitt:

On April 26, 2000, you filed a complaint with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Civil Rights. The complaint alleges violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and EPA's regulations implementing Title VI found at 40 C.F.R. Part 7 by the City of Twinsburg, Ohio, the Twinsburg Township and the Summit County Health Department.

On December 27, 2001, EPA sent you a letter entitled "Partial Rejection, Request for Clarification and Referral." In that letter EPA (1) rejected your allegation against the City of Twinsburg because the City is not a recipient of federal funding, (2) sought additional information from you to determine whether to accept your complaint against the Summit County Health Department because your complaint did not mention a specific act by the Health Department that occurred within 180 days of your filing of the complaint and (3) informed you that it was referring your allegation concerning the proposed merger between the City of Twinsburg and the Township of Twinsburg to the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. EPA requested that the additional information sought in connection with your allegation against the Summit County Health Department be submitted within 45 days of your receipt of the clarification letter. To date, EPA has not received the information it requested and more than 45 days have passed since the request was made. On Feb 20, 2001, Ms. Eva Hahn, a U.S. EPA employee, called Ms. Ophelia Averitt to find out whether she or [REDACTED] had mailed the requested information. Ms. Averitt informed Ms. Hahn that [REDACTED] was the



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one in charge of submitting the requested information. On February 21, 2001, Ms. Hahn spoke with [REDACTED]. During that conversation [REDACTED] informed Ms. Hahn that he would not be submitting any further information because he was no longer pursuing the complaint. Therefore, your complaint is rejected for investigation and EPA has now closed the file.

If you have any questions, please contact Eva Hahn by phone at (202) 564-8186, or by mail to the U.S. EPA, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Mail Code 2201A), Title VI Task Force, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

  
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